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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT POMPIDOU'S STATEMENT ON ELECTION RESULTS

1. DURING FIRST COUNCIL OF MINISTER S' MEETING SINCE LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS, PRESIDENT POMPIDOU MADE A STATEMENT WHICH WAS RELEASED AT END OF THE MEETING BY GOF SPOKESMAN. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE NATION HAS REJECTED THE COMMUNIST SOCIETY, IN REALITY MORE THAN THE NUMERICAL RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS MAKE IT APPEAR. BY ITS MASSIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTIONS, THE NATION HAS DEMONSTRATED THE IMPORTANCE WHICH IT QUITE RIGHTLY ATTACHES TO THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. THE COUNTRY HAS CONFIRMED, MOREOVER, ITS FAITH IN THE ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES OF THE FIFTH REPUBLIC

, CHARACTERIZED NOTABLY BY A STABLE, BUT NOT RIGID EXECUTIVE UNDER THE SUPREME AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF OF STATE. THE NATION HAS AFFIRMED IN A VERY CLEAR MANNER A DESIRE FOR SOCIAL PROGRES THROUGH MORE RAPID PARTICIPATION BY EVERYONE IN THE FRUITS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPANSION AND THROUGH AN EMPHASIS ON THE CORRECTION OF INEQUALITIES. THE NATION HAS MAINTAINED ITS CONFIDENCE IN THE GREAT PLITICAL MOVEMENT, BORN FROM GAULLISM, WHICH REMAINS BY FAR THE MOST IMPORTANT IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, BUT HAS CLEARLY INDICATED THAT IT WISHES A SUPPLE AND OPEN COOPERATION AMONG ALL OF THOSE NOT SEPARATED BY A FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTION OF SOCIETY. IN SUM, THE NATION HAS DESIRED THAT STABILITY AND RENEWAL, THAT CONTINUITY AND CHANGE BE RECONCILED, AS CONFORMS WITH THE POSITIONS I HAD TAKEN DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN AND TO WHICH I SHALL REMAIN FAITHFUL. END QUOTE.

2. THE ELYSEE SPOKESMAN ADDED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS THAT POINT ABOUT THE REJECTION OF COMMUNIST SOCIETY WAS STRONGER THAN THE FIGURES SHOWED HAD TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT A NUMBER OF LEFT CANDIDATES, WHETHER ELECTED OR NOT, WHOSE VOTES WERE INCLUDED IN THE TOTAL OF THE LEFT VOTE "HAD NOT MANIFESTED AN EXCESSIVE ENTHUSIASM FOR THE COMMON PROGRAM AND THE ALLIANCE WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY." THE SPOKESMAN ALSO NOTED THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS REFERRING TO THE UNITY AND SUCCESS OF THE REFORMERS WHEN HE MADE THE POINTS CONCERNING THE NECESSITY FOR RECONCILIATION AND ABOUT THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UDR AS THE LARGEST PARTY AND ALL THOSE NOT SEPARATED BY A FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTION OF SOCIETY. DECON UPON RECEIPT. KUBSICH

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